THE INYO LIBRARY WORKERS
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A bright New Year and a sunny track
  Along an upward way,
And a song of praise on looking back,
  When the yearhas passed away,
And golden sheaves, nor small, nor few!
This is my New Year's wish for you!

Not so long ago or far away, your librarian heard of a little local paper called in affectionate derision "The Tri-Weekly" - "It tries to come out weekly"! By the same token, our library bulletin should be called "Tri-Monthly". This is the third time we have made an attempt to bring out a regular monthly sheet, only to fail after a few numbers. But what better time than the New Year to make a fresh start?

The County Librarian has just had the pleasure of visiting the California State Library at Sacramento, the third visit she has been able to make it since her graduation from Library School in December 1914. There have been many changes since that time, much growth, the fitting into their beautiful new quarters, the loss of two greatly loved and valued State Librarians, Mr. Gillis by death, and recently Mr. Ferguson to the Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. Yet some of those who were on the staff in 1914 still welcome the returning wanderer. Mabel R. Gillis, the new State Librarian is one of those who endeavored to instill library ideals of exactness, thoroughness, broad scholarship, and unlimited service into her somewhat unreceptive mind.

Miss Gillis and Mrs. Henshall were exceedingly busy preparing for the legislative session, when the State Library has the function of serving the lawmakers of the state, and when it is also of immense service to all the libraries of California. Both were however hoping that the spring might bring them opportunity to visit Inyo County. If they do come, they will bring each of us new vision and encouragement. Shall we prepare for them by taking fresh zeal for our work, by making all library quarters more inviting, by giving our hearts and our minds more generously to the chief end of the library, which is, always and everywhere, making the connection between the reader and his book.

Would you not like to send us for the future issues of this bulletin, a short review of your own particular "book-of-the-month" - or of the year? I mean that book which has especially appealed to you personally. This would add much to our acquaintance with one

another, and to the value of THE INYO LIBRARY WORKERS to the whole library system.

Our present list of custodians is as follows: Aberdeen, Mrs. Grace G. Haughty; Big Pine, Miss Bessa Robinson; Bishop, Miss Josephine Powers; Cartago, J. B. Bailey; Darwin, Josephine Owen; Death Valley, M.B. Hightower; Haiwee, Mrs. A. E. Enlow; Lone Pine, Miss Nellie Reynolds; Olancha, Miss Wilma Bibbey; Owenyo, Mrs. Helen Ann Strong; Power Plant, Major W. G. Smith; Shoshone, Miss Dorothy I. Tuck; Tecopa, Mrs. V. V. Davis. Mrs. Charles Brown, who has been custodian at Shoshone for some years, has moved to Southern California for the winter, to make a home for the sons in high school, and for the college daughter Bernice.

On December 30, Mrs. Owen and Katherine were visitors from Darwin, taking back a nice selection of books for the branch.

Christmas Day was busy and delightful for the office staff. Mrs. Best, assistant librarian, entertained such members of her family as were able to be present, including her mother, Mrs. Taylor, who is nearly eighty-eight years old, and who came from Bishop for the Christmas dinner, bringing the pies! Miss Margrave also helped prepare "turkey and fixin's" for a small home dinner.

Among the new books just received, and promising great popularity, is Byrd's "Little America". Independence has quite a waiting list first, thank you! Emerson's "Voiceless India" is called "by far the best portrayal by a foreigner of life in India". Beard's "American Leviathan" is a masterly analysis of the functions of our governmemt as developed under present conditions. Raine's "Cattle" is the story - the true story - of the cattle country in the days gone by. Gibbs' new book, as usual a little sensational, is an account of Europe since the close of the World War. It is called "Since Then".